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## Educational Writings

### I. REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTES

*Science in the junior high school.*—In a book of 243 pages Dr. Hessler,<sup>1</sup> acting-president and dean of the James Millikin University, deals with the subject of science in the junior high school in a simple and straightforward manner. The author discusses every-day problems and phenomena with which every person should be familiar. The material is organized in twenty-two chapters under four divisions, namely, "Introduction," "The Atmosphere and Its Relation to Man," "Matter and Energy in Earth and Sky," and "Science in the Household."

The text is adapted to pupils in the seventh and eighth grades and the junior high school. It is profusely illustrated and contains many experiments. At the end of each chapter is found a list of stimulative questions on the subject of elementary science. The author lays down the premises that science is "the foundation of our modern life" and that "right knowledge is the only sure foundation for right action." The general mechanism of the book is attractive and admirably adapted to beginners. A splendid glossary is appended.

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*Word study.*—A spelling book designed for the use of high-school students has recently made its appearance.<sup>2</sup> In preparing the work the author made much of recent investigations in spelling, such as those made by Jones and Ayres. A thousand simple words which careful investigation has shown are most frequently misspelled comprise the word list. Two devices are used in presenting the drill words: (1) arrangement in alphabetical order; and (2) printing in script. Besides the thirty pages devoted to drill words, the book contains material on homonyms, antonyms, synonyms, rules for spelling, exercises in pronunciation, common mistakes in speech, growth of the English language, prefixes, suffixes, roots and derivatives, and letter writing. Those interested in a high-school text in spelling will do well to give Miss Swan's book a careful examination.

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<sup>1</sup> JOHN C. HESSLER, *Junior Science*. Book One. Chicago: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1920. Pp. xii + 243.

<sup>2</sup> NORMA L. SWAN, *Word Study for High Schools*. New York: Macmillan Co., 1920. Pp. xi + 142. \$0.72.